

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Summary of reasons for decision:

"The Chemist's Corner Article #2: Household Chemicals" was submitted for classification on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, under s13(1)(ab) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Given the high risk of serious injury to anyone blindly following some of the experiments listed in this document, the unrestricted availability of the publication is very likely to be injurious to the public good. Yet the limited information in the document significantly reduces the likelihood that a New Zealand adult would seek to follow the most dangerous experiment (a contact explosive) without further investigation into what it even is. Adults are also likely to have the life experience to recognise the dangers of mixing chemicals, which alongside the warnings that these 'recipes' are for people knowledgeable in chemistry is likely to give them sufficient pause. Therefore, "The Chemist's Corner Article #2: Household Chemicals" is restricted to those aged 18 and over. This is the lowest reasonable restriction on the right to freedom of expression that can be applied in order to prevent injury to the public good.